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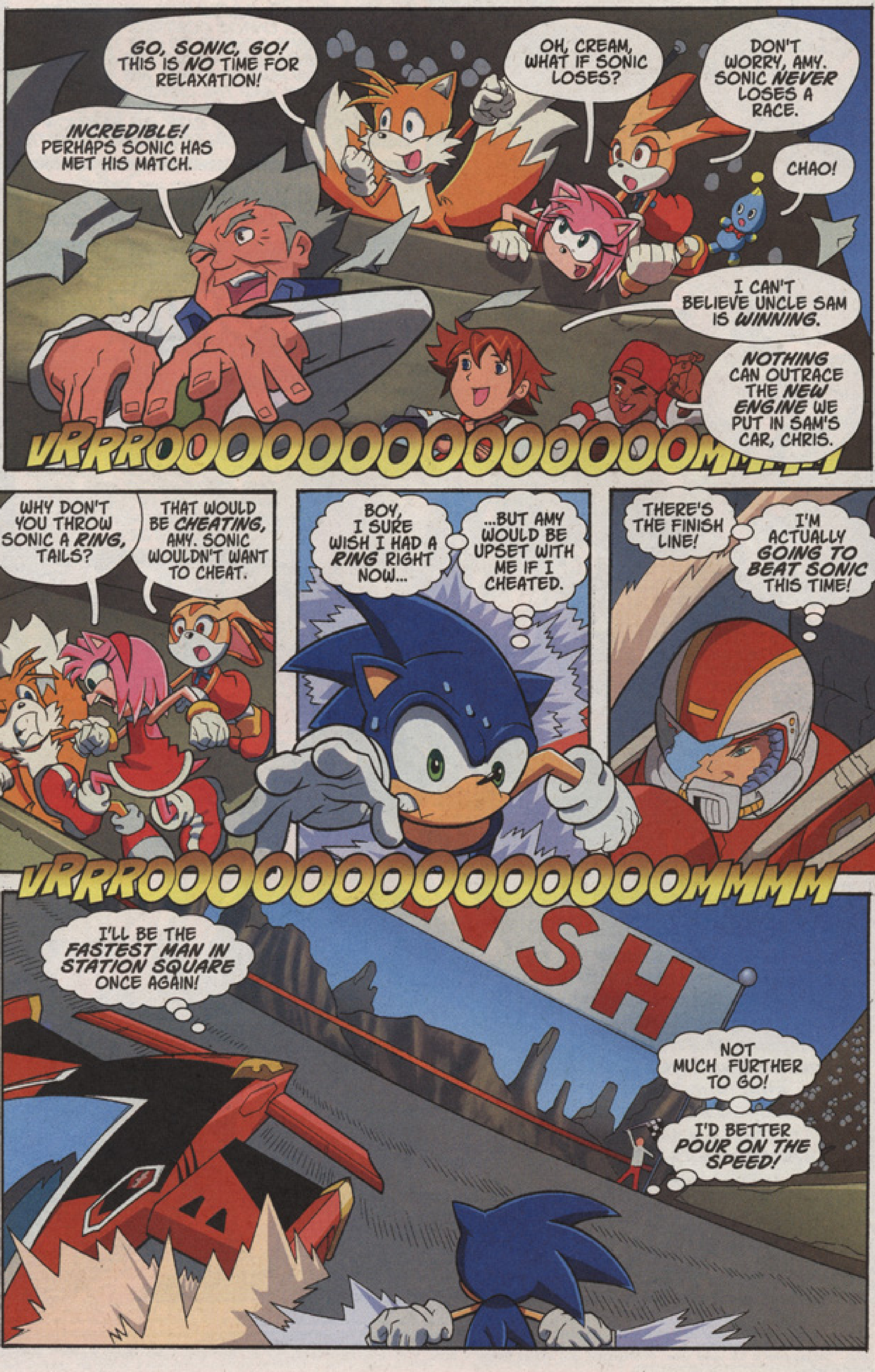

GO, SONIC, GO! THIS IS NO TIME FOR RELAXATION!
INCREDIBLE! PERHAPS SONIC HAS MET HIS MATCH.
OH, CREAM, WHAT IF SONIC LOSES?
DON'T WORRY, AMY. SONIC NEVER LOSES A RACE.
CHAO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE UNCLE SAM IS WINNING.
NOTHING CAN OUTRACE THE NEW ENGINE WE PUT IN SAM'S CAR, CHRIS.
VRRROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOMMMM
WHY DON'T YOU THROW SONIC A RING, TAILS?
THAT WOULD BE CHEATING, AMY. SONIC WOULDN'T WANT TO CHEAT.
BOY, I SURE WISH I HAD A RING RIGHT NOW...
...BUT AMY WOULD BE UPSET WITH ME IF I CHEATED.
THERE'S THE FINISH LINE!
I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO BEAT SONIC THIS TIME!
VRRROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOMMMMM
I'LL BE THE FASTEST MAN IN STATION SQUARE ONCE AGAIN!
NOT MUCH FURTHER TO GO!
I'D BETTER POUR ON THE SPEED!

SONIC TAKES A DEEP BREATH AND PUSHES HIMSELF HARDER THAN HE EVER HAS BEFORE...

THE WINNER IS...

VRRROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOMMMM

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

YES!

VRRROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOMMMM

I KNEW HE COULD DO IT!

AH HAH HAH HAH HAH HAH!

HE DID IT, CREAM! SONIC WON THE RACE!

HURRAY! HURRAY!

CHAO! CHAO!

YAY, SONIC!

THAT WAS AMAZING, SONIC!

I'VE *NEVER* SEEN YOU RUN SO FAST!

AW, IT WAS *NOTHIN'*.

YOU'RE THE *BEST*, SONIC.

UH... THANKS, AMY.

THAT WAS YOUR *BEST TIME EVER*, SAM!

IT *WASN'T* GOOD ENOUGH, PAUL.

YOU'RE STILL THE *FASTEST HUMAN* ON THE STREETS OF STATION QUARE, SAM.

BUT I LOST TO A *HEDGEHOG--AGAIN!*

AW, NOBODY'S PERFECT.

EXCEPT YOU, SONIC.

COME ON EVERYBODY. WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE HOUSE. ELLA SAID SHE'D MAKE A SPECIAL DINNER FOR THE WINNER.

'KAY, GRANDPA.

I'M TIRED OF PLAYING *SECOND FIDDLE* TO SONIC!

WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE GARAGE TO BUILD A *BETTER, FASTER* ENGINE FOR MY CAR!

THEN *I'LL* BE THE FASTEST HUMAN *OR* HEDGEHOG IN TOWN!

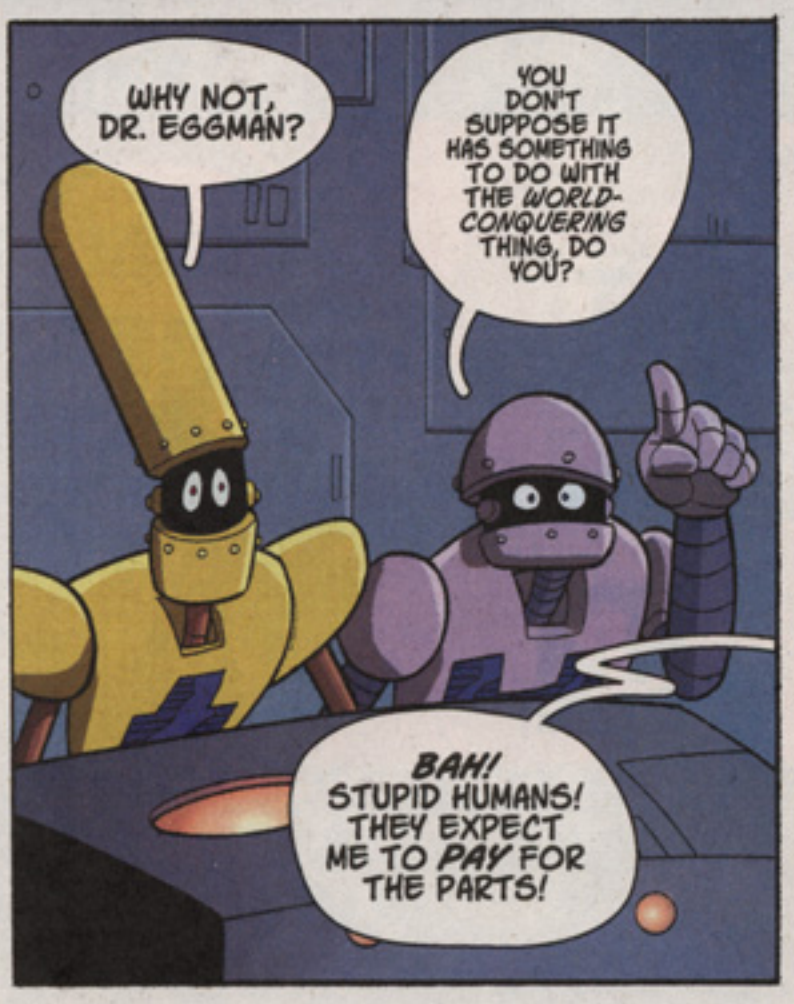
MEANWHILE, ON THE ISLAND OFF STATION SQUARE'S EMERALD COAST, DR. EGGMAN'S FORTRESS CASTS A FORBIDDING SHADOW OVER THE FOREST.

INSIDE, THE HALLS REVERBERATE WITH AN ENRAGED SHOUT.

IT'S NOT FAIR!

HERE I AM, THE *GREATEST GENIUS* ON THIS PUNY, BACKWARDS PLANET...

...AND NO ONE WILL GIVE ME THE COMPONENTS I NEED TO BUILD MY *WORLD-CONQUERING ROBOTS.*



I HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE INHABITANTS OF THIS PLANET...

THEY EXCHANGE *LITTLE PIECES OF PAPER* FOR GOODS AND SERVICES.

THAT AFTERNOON, OUTSIDE OF THE TWELFTH NATIONAL BANK OF STATION SQUARE, INC.

ATM

SO, HOW DO WE GET THE MONEY OUT, DECOE?

I DO NOT KNOW, BOCOE. PERHAPS WE SHOULD *JUST ASK.*

WE NEED MONEY. PLEASE GIVE US SOME.

IT'S NOT DOING ANYTHING.

HERE COMES SOMEONE. LET'S WATCH WHAT SHE DOES.

TOP O' TH' MORNIN' T' YE, MISS MARY.

THANKS, OFFICER ALBRIGHT. IS THAT A NEW ACCENT?

AYE, THAT I BE. I'M STARRIN' IN A PRODUCTION OF *"DEATH OF A SALESMAN"* THAT BE OPENIN' NEXT WEEK.

THAT'S THE SECRET! *SHE PRESSED THE BUTTONS.*

*BRILLIANT!* WE MUST PRESS THE BUTTONS!

ATM

IT'S STILL *NOT GIVING US ANY MONEY.* WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

I SAY WE *BREAK IT OPEN* AND TAKE THE LITTLE PIECES OF PAPER OUT.

WORKS FOR ME.

HAVIN' A SPOT OF BOTHER, ARE YE?

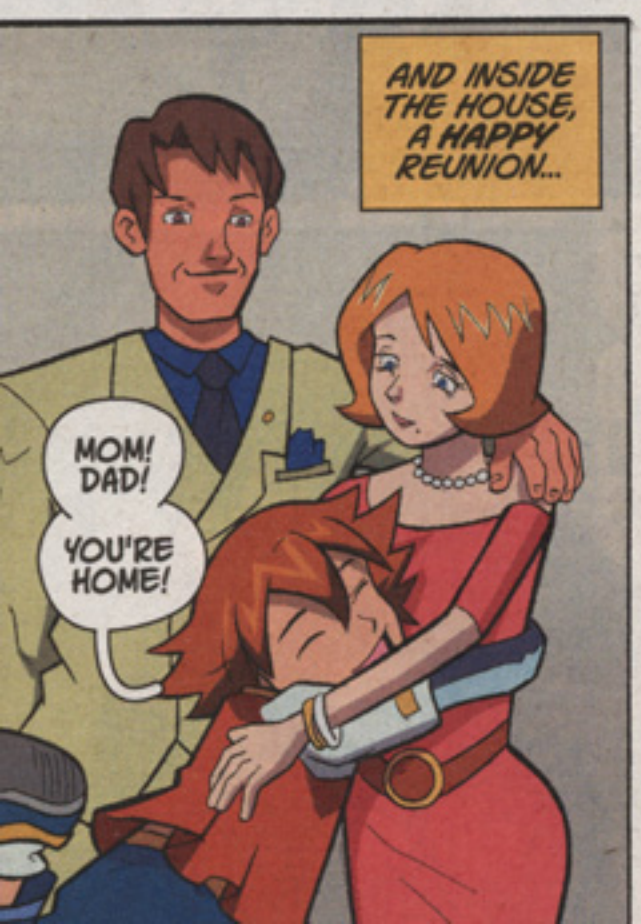
PERHAPS YE'D LIKE T' COME DOWN T' THE STATION AN' EXPLAIN YERSELVES?

*EEP!*

LATER, AT THE **SPRAWLING THORNDYKE ESTATE**, LUXURIOUS HOME OF CHRIS AND HIS GRANDFATHER.

IT'S ALSO THE HOME OF CHRIS'S PARENTS, **LINDSAY AND NELSON**, BUT THEY'RE RARELY EVER THERE BECAUSE THEIR JOBS TAKE THEM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

UNTIL SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS ARRIVED ON EARTH, CHRIS'S ONLY COMPANIONS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL WERE HIS GRANDFATHER **CHUCK**, THE MAID **ELLA**, AND THE BUTLER **MR. TANAKA**.



THIS CITY HAS DOZENS OF BUILDINGS DEDICATED TO STORING MONEY IN THE FORM OF "COLD, HARD CASH!"

THEY ARE CALLED BANKS!

OOOOOOOOOO.

AND TOMORROW, WE SHALL VISIT ONE SUCH BANK AND REMOVE ALL ITS MONEY.

A CUNNING PLAN, SIR!

BUT WHY DON'T WE GO TONIGHT?

FOOL! YOU KNOW TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT I WAX MY MOUSTACHE!

I HAVE SELECTED THE TWELFTH NATIONAL BANK OF STATION SQUARE, INC., ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN WHERE THE RICH THORNDYKE FAMILY KEEPS THEIR MONEY...

...BUT WHICH OF MY ROBOTS SHALL MAKE THE WITHDRAWAL?

K-CHUNK

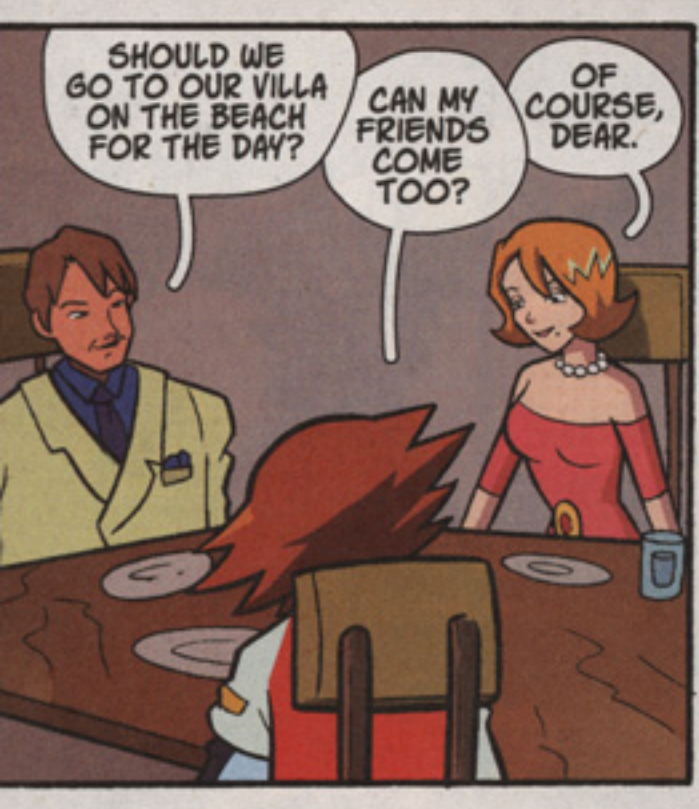
WHIRRRRRRRR

AH! BEN-728-- PACKRATBOT! THE PERFECT THIEF!

♪ BEN, THE TWO OF US NEED FEAR NO MORE. WE'LL SOON STEAL THE CASH THAT I AM LOOKING FOR! ♪

THE NEXT MORNING...

SINCE YOU HAVE THIS WEEK OFF FROM SCHOOL, YOUR FATHER AND I DECIDED TO COME HOME AND SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOU.



LATER, AT THE TWELFTH NATIONAL BANK OF STATION SQUARE, INC...

I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE *SO BUSY* THIS MORNING...

ONLY SEVEN HOURS AND FORTY-SEVEN MINUTES UNTIL QUITTING TIME...

*COMIC BOOK WRITER?* I CAN'T GIVE YOU A LOAN UNLESS YOU HAVE A *REAL* JOB.

I WISH SONIC WAS HERE.

LINES LIKE THESE ARE WHY I ALWAYS USE *ATMS*, DEAR.

YOU KNOW HE *DOESN'T LIKE WATER*. HE *HATES* TO GO TO THE BEACH.

HUH?

*YIKES!*

HEY!
EVERYBODY! RUN FOR COVER!
CRRRASSHHHH!
I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND, BUT I REALLY HATE WAITING IN LINE!
SO, IF YOU'LL JUST GIVE ME ALL YOUR MONEY, I'LL BE ON MY WAY!
HA HA HA HA HA HA!
I'M DEFINITELY NOT GETTING PAID ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH THIS!

UNAWARE OF DR. EGGMAN'S ATTACK, SONIC VISITS ANGEL ISLAND WHICH FLOATS OVER THE SAPPHIRE SEA.

KNUCKLES! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU!

WHY? WHAT DO YOU WANT, SONIC?

LET'S GO FOR A RUN!

I HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO.

I MUST STAY HERE TO GUARD THE MASTER EMERALD.

IT'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

WOULDN'T IT BE MORE FUN TO GO ON AN ADVENTURE?

SORRY, SONIC, BUT I CANNOT LEAVE THIS PLACE.

I HAVE SWORN AN OATH TO PROTECT THE MASTER EMERALD, AND I DO NOT GO BACK ON MY WORD UNLESS THERE IS GOOD REASON.

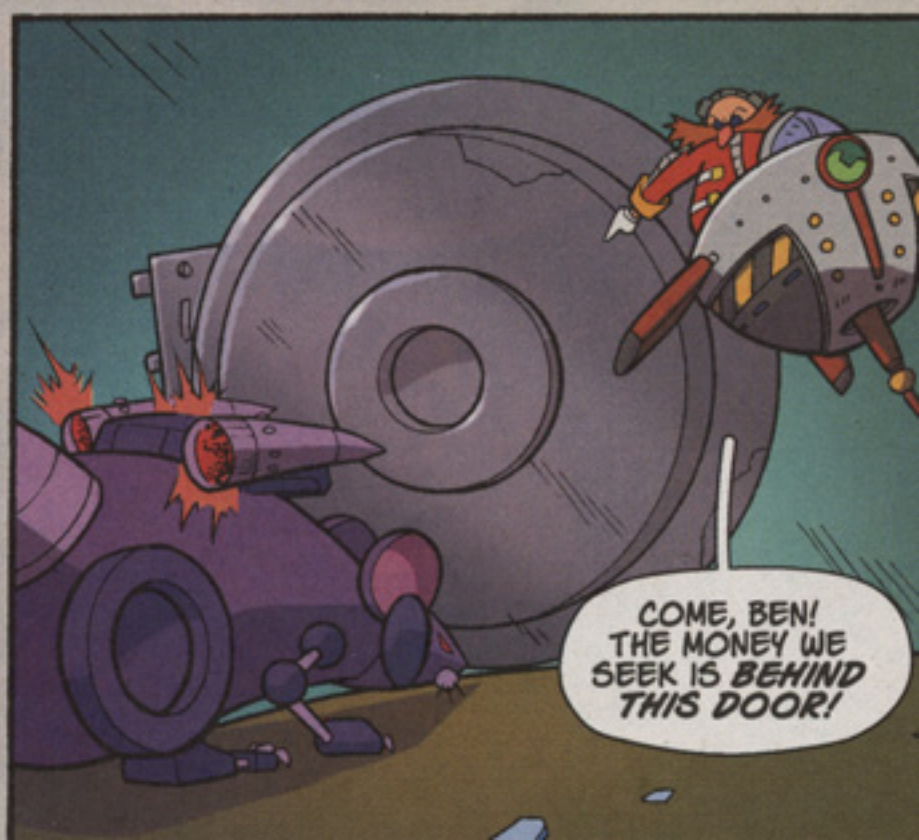
THERE WILL BE ***SUBSTANTIAL PENALTIES*** FOR ANYONE WHO GETS IN MY WAY!

ZZZAPPP

YOU DIRTY RAT!

DIVE FOR COVER, CHRIS!

HEEEE-YAAAAA!



WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
I WISH SONIC WAS HERE.
WELL, HE'S NOT, SO IT'S UP TO US.

ATTENTION, BEN--LAUNCH REAR MISSILES!
HEY, RATFACE! EAT MALLET!

KLANG

ONE SWIFT BLOW AND THE MISSILES ARE LAUNCHED...
...BUT NOT WHERE DR. EGGMAN INTENDED!
BOOOOOOOOM
OH, FOOO!
IT'S GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN A FREE TOASTER TO MAKE ME HAPPY AFTER THAT!

CRUSH HER!

HEY!

DON'T WORRY, AMY! I'VE GOT YOU!

THUNK

REVENGE?

MONEY?

REVENGE?

MONEY?

REVENGE *OR* MONEY? IT'S SO HARD TO CHOOSE!

OH, WHY SHOULD I DENY MYSELF ANYTHING? REVENGE, *THEN* MONEY!

BEN, *SMASH THOSE IRKSOME MEDDLERS!*

I WONDER WHAT THE SIRENS ARE ABOUT...

...CALLING ALL CARS! ROBBERY IN PROGRESS!

WEEEOOOOOO-WEEEOOOOOO

...CORNER OF PELLEK AND ENGLISH STREETS. DR. EGGMAN BELIEVED INVOLVED!

WHY IS IT EVERY TIME *I LEAVE TOWN*, SOMETHING *EXCITING* HAPPENS?

I DON'T WANT TO MISS THE FUN!

YOU'RE *NOT SO TOUGH* WHEN SONIC'S NOT HERE.

MY MALLET!

BUT I *AM* HERE, EGGMAN!

AND I'M GOING TO RID THE TOWN OF YOUR VERMIN!

SONIC!

I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LET US DOWN!

ZZZAPPP
ZZZAPPP
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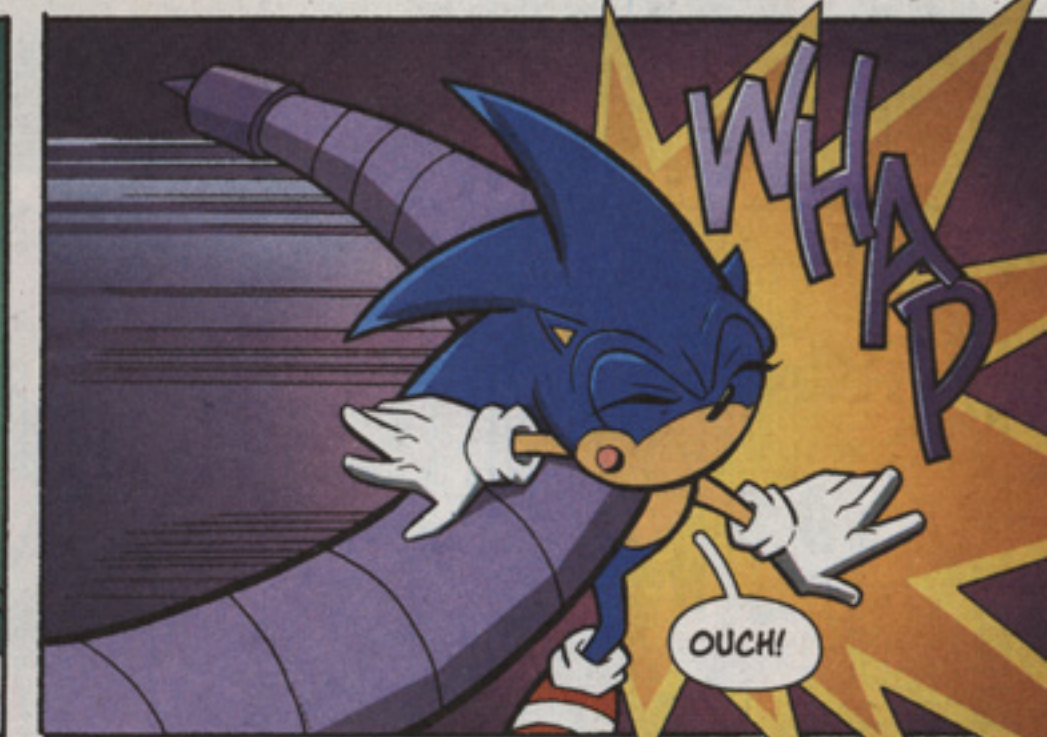
YOU GOTTA BE FASTER THAN THAT IF YOU'RE GONNA HIT ME!
ZZZAPPP



OOPS!

IF ONLY I HAD MY MALLET!

OH NO!

AH HA!

PERFECT!

THIS IS JUST WHAT I NEED!

THANKS, BUDDY!
NOW IT'S TIME TO *END THIS RAT RACE* ONCE AND FOR ALL!

RATZN-FRATZN HEDGEHOG!
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
K-WHUNK
K-THUNK
POP CRACKLE SNAP
WHILE SONIC IS DISTRACTED, I'LL MAKE MY MOVE!

THESE RINGS MAY BE MORE VALUABLE THAN ALL THE LITTLE SLIPS OF PAPER IN THE VAULT!

?
THIS IS NO WAY TO GET AHEAD IN THE WORLD, LITTLE BUDDY!
KRACKZISS
FIZZLE

YOUR ACCOUNT'S BEEN CLOSED, EGGMAN!
!
HISSSS
POP

CONSIDERING THE DISREPUTABLE CLIENTELE OF THIS ESTABLISHMENT...

...I SHALL TAKE MY CUSTOM ELSEWHERE!
HAHAHA HAHAHA!
WEEEOOOOO-
-WEEEOOOOO

YOU MISSED ALL THE EXCITEMENT, UNCLE SAM. SONIC REALLY SAVED THE DAY!
SOMEDAY I'LL BE STATION SQUARE'S HERO AGAIN!
FOR A SPEED TEAM, IT SURE TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH TO GET HERE.

CHRIS'S SCHOOL VACATION IS OVER, AND LINDSAY AND NELSON THORNDYKE LEAVE STATION SQUARE TO GO BACK TO WORK.

A FEW DAYS LATER, CHRIS, CHUCK, AND SONIC RECEIVE A VERY IMPORTANT VISITOR.

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR FOILING EGGMAN'S BANK ROBBERY LAST WEEK, SONIC.

AWW, IT WAS NOTHIN', MR. PRESIDENT.

TIME AND AGAIN, YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE PROTECTED THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

NOW I COME TO ASK YOU TO UNDERTAKE A VERY IMPORTANT MISSION FOR ME.

YES, SIR, MR. PRESIDENT.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

MEANWHILE...

DR. EGGMAN, WHAT WAS THAT DEVICE YOU HAD US HIDE IN THAT SUNKEN SHIP?

THE FIRST STEP IN MY PLAN TO RID MYSELF OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ONCE AND FOR ALL.

AND THESE RINGS I SNATCHED AT THE BANK WILL BE THE KEY TO SONIC'S ULTIMATE DEFEAT!

HAHAHAHAHAHA!

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